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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONALS
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at 12:00 p.m.
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware Conference Room A , second floor of the Cannon Building
MINUTES APPROVED	02/22/2012

MEMBERS PRESENT

Robert Doyle, Public Member, **President**, Presiding
Dr. William Northey, LMFT, **Secretary**
Ruth Banta, Public Member
Daniel Cherneski, LMFT
Daniel Cooper, LPCMH
Mary Davis, LCDP
Gregg Drevno, LPCMH
Tracey Frazier, LCDP
Joan McDonough, Public Member
Julius Mullen, LPCMH
Elisabeth Vassas, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Danny Stevenson, Deputy Attorney General
Jessica Williams, Administrative Specialist II

MEMBERS ABSENT

Lisa Ritchie, LCDP, **Vice President**
Tracy Hansen, LMFT

ALSO PRESENT

Carolyn Copp
Raymond Copp
Kim Hurley, Wilcox & Fetzer
Johanna Kane
Clara Sills
Sylvester Sills
Sophia Tailor

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Doyle called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

MHCDP Meeting Minutes – December 14, 2011

The Board reviewed the December 14, 2011 meeting minutes for approval. Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Dr. Drevno, to approve the minutes as written. Motion unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Recommendations from the Legislative Committee

Dr. Northey advised the Board that the Committee met prior to today's meeting and Mary Jo Mather from the Delaware Certification Board addressed the concerns regarding the National Association of Forensic Counselors. Ms. Mather reviewed the qualifications necessary to obtain certification with the Committee members. She also advised the Committee that the Delaware Certification Board will be more than happy to promote LCDP licensure within the state.

Dr. Northey advised the Board that many of the topics discussed with Ms. Mather were non-issues at this time.

Review Previously Tabled LPCMH Application for Sophia Sills-Tailor

The Board reviewed the previously tabled application and supplemental documentation for Sophia Sills-Tailor. Dr. Northey advised the Board that his concern is that the degree of record is from 2011, which means that Ms. Sills-Tailor does not have the required two years experience. Ms. Sills-Tailor was present, and Mr. Doyle allowed her to address the Board regarding their concerns.

Ms. Sills-Tailor stated that she received her Master's degree in 1999, after obtaining the master's degree she received her EDS, and enrolled in a doctoral program. While she was enrolled in the doctoral program, she was approved by the NBCC to sit for the NCE.

Dr. Northey advised Ms. Sills-Tailor that the NBCC requires that the master's program be at least a 48 credit program, and the program she graduated from was only 42 credits. He is concerned that if the NBCC used credits from her EDS or from the doctoral program, that it is unclear of when her degree of record began.

Mr. Doyle advised the Board that they will continue to discuss the application for Ms. Sills-Tailor later in the meeting.

HEARING

Rules and Regulations Hearing (12:15 p.m.)

At 12:25 p.m., Mr. Doyle called the public hearing to order. Verbatim testimony was taken by the court reporter. Mr. Stevenson stated the purpose of the hearing. The following items were marked as Board Exhibits for the record: Board Exhibit 1 – News Journal publication affidavit; Board Exhibit 2 – Delaware State News publication affidavit. The board introduced themselves for the record. Mr. Doyle opened the floor to the public for comments, for which there were none. There were no written comments received. At 12:29 p.m., the Board went off the record for deliberations. At 12:32 p.m., the Board went back on the record. Dr. Northey moved, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to adopt the proposed rules and regulations as proposed. Motion unanimously carried. Mr. Stevenson will prepare the Order for the Board to sign during the February meeting. The hearing adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Application for LPCMH Licensure by Certification – DeShonda Jones

The Board reviewed DeShonda Jones' application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Mr. Cooper made a motion, seconded by Dr. Drevno, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application for LPCMH Licensure by Certification – Mary VanHouse

The Board reviewed Mary VanHouse's application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Mr. Cooper made a motion, seconded by Dr. Drevno, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application for LPCMH Licensure by Reciprocity – Michele Walsh

The Board reviewed Michele Walsh's application for LPCMH licensure by reciprocity. Mr. Cooper made a motion, seconded by Dr. Northey, to **approve** the application. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application to Sit for the AMFTRB Exam – Cynthia Chestnut

The Board reviewed Cynthia Chestnut's application to sit for the AMFTRB exam as well as her request for special accommodations. Dr. Northey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to **approve** the application and request for special accommodations (which will expire when the application expires). Motion unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Recommendations from the Legislative Committee

Dr. Northey advised the Board that the Committee recommended approval of the proposed regulations during the December meeting, and a draft is prepared for the Board to review. The proposed draft was circulated for the Board members for their review.

Dr. Northey summarized the changes that were made to the proposed regulations. If the proposal is accepted, any individual who wishes to obtain the required post-master's experience hours will need to apply for a LACMH, prior to begin accumulating the hours. If the supervisor is not a LPMCH, the LACMH applicant must request an alternative supervisor. If an individual graduates on or before June 30, 2012, the applicant will not need to apply for a LACMH license.

Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Dr. Northey, to adopt the proposed rules and regulations. Motion unanimously carried. Mr. Stevenson will publish the proposal in the Register of Regulations on February 1, 2012.

HEARING

Proposal to Deny Hearing for Johanna Kane (12:45 p.m.)

At 12:47 p.m., Mr. Doyle called the proposed to deny hearing to order for Johanna Kane. Verbatim testimony was taken by the court reporter. Mr. Stevenson stated the reason for the hearing and had the following items marked as Board Exhibit 1 for the record: Letter to the Board from the Art

Therapy Credentials Board; the Hearing Notice dated December 1, 2011; Ms. Kane's hearing request dated November 15, 2011; PTD letter dated November 1, 2011; and the application packet and supporting documents. Mr. Stevenson verified with Ms. Kane that she waived her right to be represented by counsel. Ms. Kane submitted a packet of information titled "Evidence in Support of Application for License to become a Professional Counselor of Mental Health in the State of Delaware", which was marked as Respondent Exhibit 1 Ms. Kane was sworn in and presented her case to the Board and answered questions from Board members. At this time, Ms. Kane requested to withdraw her application for licensure as a LPCMH. The hearing concluded at 1:03 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Application for LPCMH Licensure by Certification – Todd Grande

The Board reviewed Todd Grande's application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Dr. Northey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cherneski, to **table** the application, because Mr. Grande does not meet the 2 year experience requirement. Motion unanimously carried.

Review of Application for LPCMH Licensure by Certification – Sonia Songui

The Board reviewed Sonia Songui's application for LPCMH licensure by certification. Dr. Northey made a motion, seconded by Dr. Frazier, to **approve** the application. Motion carried with Mr. Cooper and Mr. Cherneski abstaining.

Review Request to Lift Suspension from Richard Brousell

The Board review Mr. Brousell's request to lift his suspension as well as the supplemental documentation submitted by Dr. Hagelin. According to the consent agreement, Mr. Brousell could petition the Board after four months of the suspension to lift the suspension based on the Board's review and consideration of the reports and recommendations of the psychologist. Dr. Northey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to **deny** Mr. Brousell's request, because the offenses committed necessitate a one year suspension. Motion unanimously carried.

Review Previously Tabled LPCMH Application for Sophia Sills-Tailor

The Board continued their discussion regarding the previously tabled application for Ms. Sills-Tailor. Dr. Northey made a motion, seconded by Dr. Frazier, to **table** the application for definitive information from the NBCC regarding the date Ms. Taylor was approved to sit for the exam, to determine when her degree of record actually began. Motion unanimously carried.

The Board observed a brief recess from 1:56 p.m. until 2:05 p.m.

HEARING

Proposal to Deny Hearing for Raymond Copp (1:45 p.m.)

At 2:06 p.m., Mr. Doyle called the proposal to deny hearing to order for Raymond Copp. Verbatim testimony was taken by the court reporter. Mr. Stevenson stated the reason for the hearing and had the following items marked as Board Exhibit 1 for the record: Response to Mr. Copp's request for information; Mr. Copp's request for information dated January 11, 2012; the Hearing Notice dated January 9, 2012; Mr. Copp's hearing request dated December, 2011 which included notification from him waiving the 20 day hearing notice; PTD letter dated December 16, 2011; and

the application packet and supporting documents. Mr. Stevenson verified with Mr. Copp that he waived his right to be represented by counsel. Mr. Copp submitted a packet of information titled "Application for Licensed Professional Counselor of Mental Health", which was marked as Respondent Exhibit 1 and the CCDP/CCDPD Code of Ethical Conduct which was marked as Respondent Exhibit 2. Mr. Copp was sworn in and presented his case to the Board and answered questions from Board members. At 2:29 p.m., the Board went off the record for deliberations. At 2:35 p.m. the Board went back on the record. At this time, Mr. Copp requested to withdraw his application for licensure as a LPCMH and informed the Board that he will apply for licensure as a LCDP. The hearing concluded at 2:35 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of Officers

Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Dr. Drevno, to nominate Lisa Ritchie as President. Motion unanimously carried. Ms. Williams will contact Ms. Ritchie to inform her that she has been nominated and to ask if she accepts the nomination.

Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Dr. Drevno, to nominate Mr. Cooper as Vice President. Motion unanimously carried.

Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Dr. Drevno to nominate Ms. Banta as Secretary. Motion unanimously carried.

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Other Business (for discussion only)

Ms. Williams informed the Board that wireless internet is now available in the conference rooms.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

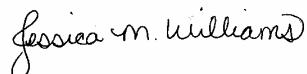
Next Meeting Date

The Board's next meeting is scheduled for February 22, 2012, at 12:00 p.m., in Conference Room A of the Cannon Bldg., 861 Silver Lake Blvd., Dover, Delaware.

Adjournment

Mr. Cherneski made a motion, seconded by Ms. Davis, to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jessica Williams
Administrative Specialist II